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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each non-U.S. document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Abstracts for the references previously cited in the International Search Report filed January 31, 2006/Information Disclosure Statement filed January 31, 2006, are now submitted herewith.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

JP 51-22557 corresponds to U.S. 3,998,988.

In addition and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that items JP 2000-215872, JP 7-268767 and JP 59-50912 listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement. A copy of the corresponding JP Office Action dated February 16, 2006 is enclosed herewith.

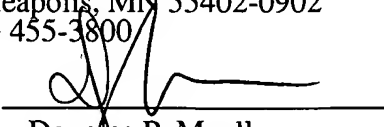
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

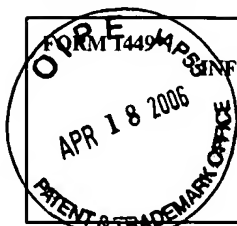
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	3,998,988	DEC. 21, 1976	SHIMOMAI et al.				
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	7-26867	1995.10.17	JAPAN			ABSTRACT, PARTIAL	
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	2000-246827	2000.09.12	JAPAN			ABSTRACT	
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